## 18th July 2021



## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON

HYMNS: 584 All My hope on God is founded

669 I heard the voice of Jesus say

800 The Lord's my Shepherd (Townend)

COLLECT: Lord of all power and might,

the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name,

increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness,

and of your great mercy keep us in the same;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## READING -Ephesians 2:11-end

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances. so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

## GOSPEL - Mark 6:30-35, 53-end

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late;

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Following the Government's Summer 2021 announcement, we will start to make a few changes in church from Monday 19 July. We will open up the south-side a little, to increase the capacity in church from 50 to 60

- the north-side will remain as is, set-up for socially distanced seating.
- over August, we will suspend the need to pre-book tickets to attend the 9.00am and 10.00am services on Sunday, as numbers will naturally drop whilst people holiday.
- We will continue to
  - invite everyone to wear a face covering in church.
  - o have hand-sanitiser available and encourage everyone to use it.
  - keep the choir to a limit of 6, and not yet re-introduce congregational singing.
  - o display the NHS Test and Trace QR code in the entrance, for you to check-in.
  - maintain our enhanced, regular cleaning of the building.
  - retain the one-way entry/exit system.
  - o ventilate the church, whilst in use

All this will be done while so that we continue to ensure a safe and reassuring environment for our worship.

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